

# Review A: Classifying Sentences According to Structure

**EXERCISE A** In each of the following sentences, draw one line under every independent clause and two lines under every subordinate clause. Then, on the line provided, classify the sentence by writing *S* for simple, *Cd* for compound, *Cx* for complex, or *Cd-Cx* for compound-complex.

**Example** Cx 1. Many of the novels that Agatha Christie wrote have been made into films.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Suspense novels are extremely popular, and many readers especially enjoy those by Agatha Christie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Christie's first detective novel was *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Hercule Poirot, who is perhaps her most famous character, is the Belgian detective who solves the murder cases in many of her books.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In *Murder on the Orient Express*, Poirot expertly interrogates many of the passengers on the train before he solves the case.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Miss Marple, another detective of Christie's, is my favorite character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. My introduction to Miss Marple came when I read *The Body in the Library*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. In this mystery several people are suspects, for each has a possible motive, but Miss Marple sets an ingenious trap for the murderer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. When I visited England last summer, I saw *The Mousetrap*, a suspense play by Christie, and I also toured her home in Devon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Because the clues in *The Mousetrap* were hidden so well, the ending surprised nearly everyone in the audience.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Currently, I am reading *Death on the Nile*; I have not seen the movie yet.

**EXERCISE B** Classify each of the following sentences by writing on the line provided *S* for simple, *Cd* for compound, *Cx* for complex, or *Cd-Cx* for compound-complex.

**Example** Cx 1. Do you know what the principal cause of most forest fires is?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. I will make the salad if you will make the lemonade.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Amy, who is a three-year-old with an odd sense of humor, sometimes hides in strange places; yesterday I found her in the broom closet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. What kinds of tricks does your dog do, Darren?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The person in the middle is my cousin Josie, and the one to her left is Uncle Timothy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. When I have finished all of my chores, I will sit outside for a while and read.